A Message from the Department Chair

Welcome back! As we settle into another fall semester, I am happy to have this opportunity to look back at the many accomplishments of our departmental community from the 2015-2016 academic year.

Our outstanding faculty were the recipients of numerous awards and honors. Dr. Naomi Cleghorn (Anthropology), for example, was awarded tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor. She also received a College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Accolade Endowment Mentoring Award for her work with Valerie Contreras. Dr. Jason Shelton (Sociology) was also the recipient of a COLA mentoring award for his work with several graduate students including Curtis Brown and Dante Bryant. Finally, Dr. Heather Jacobson (Sociology) was awarded both a UTA Research Enhancement Program Grant and a COLA Dean’s Accolade Endowment Award for Faculty Research to support her research in the area of sociology of families.

We are also excited to welcome a new faculty member, Dr. Ashley Lemke, to the department. Dr. Lemke is an archaeologist who specializes in the hunting and foraging techniques of early humans. Welcome Dr. Lemke!

Our undergraduate and graduate students received numerous awards and scholarships. Two students, for example, were recipients of the Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology: Jeremy Dubhros and Jennifer Wellman. H. Scott Clemens (Sociology) received the Dean’s Graduate Research Travel Award and James Ramsey (Anthropology) received the Liberal Arts Endowed Scholarship. A record number of students presented their research at academic conferences and participated in field research – for example, Katelin Smith and Fatima Ayan-Hirsi (Anthropology) traveled with Dr. Ritu Khanduri to attend an academic conference on Gandhi in India, Curtis Brown (Sociology) presented a paper co-authored with Dr. Jason Shelton at the American Sociological Association annual meeting in Seattle, and four students, Frances Appiah-Ntffor, Valerie Contreras, Patricia (Corinne) Crews, Megan Martin, and two alumni, Hannah Keller and Daniel Peart participated in Dr. Naomi Cleghorn’s field research in South Africa. Finally, twenty-four undergraduate Sociology and Anthropology majors and seven Sociology graduate students completed their degrees – congratulations! Students and graduates, please keep us informed of your accomplishments!

The Anthropology Program hosted another successful Termini Lecture series. Dr. Douglas Owsley, Division Head for Physical Anthropology of the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution, was the featured speaker at the 2016 Termini Lecture series. Dr. Owsley delivered a fascinating presentation entitled, “Forensic Investigation of the 17th Century Chesapeake,” that covered bone biographies of the 17th century.

I hope that your semester is off to a great start! We are looking forward to another great year.

I would like to thank Pat Woodward for her hard work in putting together this newsletter! I would also like to thank all of those who have made contributions to support the department and our students – especially Drs. Ben and Trudy Termini, Blaine Williams and Elaine Davenport, Paul and Suzanne Baldon, Gwendolyn J. Notestine, Sam and Celia Stigall, and Matthew Craig and Linda Gregg.

Robert Kunovich, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
New Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Ashley Lemke pursued her Doctorate in the Department of Anthropology and Museum of Anthropological Archaeology at the University of Michigan. Her primary research interests include the anthropology of hunting and archaeology of hunter-gatherers, specifically prehistoric subsistence and diversity of foraging strategies. Her research has led her to work in North America and Europe on both terrestrial and underwater archaeological projects from the Lower Paleolithic to 19th century shipwrecks.

Lemke’s research seeks to understand the social and economic organization of caribou hunters 9,000 years ago. Her research involves an Autonomous Underwater Vehicle survey of the Alpena-Amberley Ridge in Lake Huron as part of the larger University of Michigan Caribou Hunting project. Detailed mapping of hunting sites provides an understanding of how prehistoric hunter-gatherers modified their environments and utilized strategic places to intercept migrating animals. This research provides new data demonstrating that ancient peoples living in the Great Lakes region had complex economic strategies which relied on a sophisticated knowledge of the local environment and animal behavior.

Ashley Lemke received her B.A., 2008 in Anthropology and classical Civilization from the University of Texas and her M.A, 2010 and her Ph.D., 2016 in Anthropology from the University of Michigan. We are happy to welcome Dr. Lemke to the UTA Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Faculty Awards and Achievements

David Arditi, Assistant Professor of Sociology

A new website created by a UTA team plans to make music produced by music students, alumni, professors, and independent artists in the North Texas region available for free to the world. David Arditi, assistant professor of sociology, is developing “MusicDetour—the DFW Local Music Archive” with three goals in mind: to house local music, to develop big data that is open and available to all, and to build community.

MusicDetour will be hosted initially by UTA in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology’s Center for Theory, but Arditi said future plans involve philanthropic efforts to fund student workers both for curation and greater web development. As the site develops, the team said it hopes to reinvent the way music and culture are produced. The eventual plan is to allow listeners to stream and download the music, depending on the artist’s preference for their work.

“A larger project will serve as a hub for local musicians and fans to interact,” said Arditi, noting that under current culture industry models, large corporations control cultural production and distribution. He said the practice limits access to music and changes the content of that which is created.

The project’s collaborators include Dan Cavanagh, a jazz pianist, associate professor of music and director of UTA’s music industry studies program; Micah Hayes, a composer and senior lecturer in music industry; Chyng-Yang Jang, associate professor of communication; and staff with the UTA Libraries and UTA Radio, the University’s award-winning student-led internet radio station. Arditi also wrote a book on the subject: “iTake-Over: The Recording Industry in the Digital Era,” published by R&L Publishers in 2014. - See more at: http://www.uta.edu/news/releases/2016/07/arditi-music-archive.php#sthash.eSmEssgz.dpuf. MavWire, Thursday, August 4, 2016.
Christian Zlolniski, Associate Professor of Anthropology & Director, Center for Mexican American Studies

Christian Zlolniski, associate professor of sociology and anthropology and director of the Center for Mexican American Studies at The University of Texas at Arlington, has been appointed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s Mexican American Studies Field of Study Advisory Committee.

The 10-member committee will work to identify the block of courses which may be transferred to a general academic teaching institution and must be substituted for that institution's lower division requirements for the Mexican-American Studies degree program into which the student transfers.

Zlolniski is one of four faculty members on the committee from a University of Texas System school. The others are from UT Austin, UT El Paso and UT San Antonio. One member represents Texas A&M University, and five committee members represent community colleges.

“The work of the committee will consolidate Mexican American studies in Texas,” Zlolniski said. “At a time when our state has an increasingly diverse population, it is more important than ever to foster greater understanding of all groups and cultures, particularly Mexican-Americans. The curriculum in Mexican American studies will also help educate students about the history, needs and strengths of our growing Latino population.” University of Texas Arlington, News Center, Monday, February 22, 2016.

Heather Jacobson, Associate Professor of Sociology & Graduate Advisor

Dr. Heather Jacobson offers the first book-length ethnographic examination of gestational surrogacy in the U.S. in “Labor of Love: Gestational Surrogacy and the Work of Making Babies” (Rutgers University Press). Jacobson explores the complexities of surrogacy and conflicted attitudes that emerge when the act of bringing a child into the world becomes a paid occupation.

Jacobson interviewed surrogates between the ages of 25 and 45. All were paid from $15,000 to $35,000. Most of the women were married, financially stable and had their own children. There were a few Hispanic and African-Americans but most were Caucasian. The majority of the surrogates worked outside of the home in professions such as nursing, teaching, social services or social work.

In her book, Jacobson investigates why not only surrogates, but the surrogacy industry, are reluctant to think about surrogacy as work. She says about surrogates, “They re-arrange their lives and the lives of their families, and if the pregnancy goes well, it can be a year-long investment—if there are complications, it can be a many year investment.” Mav Wire, Thursday, March 31, 2016; News Center, Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Dr. Jacobson was awarded both a UTA Research Enhancement Program Grant and a COLA Dean’s Accolade Endowment Award for Faculty Research to support her research in the area of sociology of families.

New research from UTA shows that a growing number of North Americans are heading to Central European locations such as the Czech Republic seeking low-cost in vitro fertilization treatments to create a particular kind of family. Amy Speier says mostly white, lower middle class, heterosexual couples are enticed by advertisements promising them doctors who care, as well as Caucasian donors.

Dr. Speier examines the phenomenon in one of the first ethnographies on North American reproductive tourism in the forthcoming NYU Press book, *Fertility Holidays: IVF Tourism and the Reproduction of Whiteness*. Her research also is detailed in the current issue of *Anthropologica*.

“What I found is that many infertile couples who want to become parents… see their European vacation as offering hope,” Speier said. “The patients become consumers, encouraged by a region that has emerged as a central hub of fertility tourism, offering plenty of blonde-haired, blue-eyed egg donors at a fraction of the price.” In vitro fertilization treatment using an egg donor can range in price from $10,000 to $42,000 in the United States. North Americans spend, on average, $10,500 for the entire trip to the Czech Republic, Speier’s research found.

“For years, clients have come from all over Europe, mainly Germany, Austria, Italy, France, and the United Kingdom, for easy access to the mostly student donors,” Speier said. “The smaller numbers of clients come from Israel, and increasingly, from the U.S. The Czech reproductive medical field is profiting from its lower price structure and liberal legislation stipulating that sperm and oocyte donation must be voluntary, gratuitous and anonymous.” Donors cannot be paid, but are offered attractive compensatory payments of about $1,400 in U.S. dollars for the discomfort involved in ovarian stimulation.

Speier’s research is based on a multi-year, multi-site ethnographic project conducted in North America and Europe from 2008 to 2012. She met and interviewed owners of in vitro fertilization broker companies that worked with clinics in eastern Czech Republic. She also met and talked with a total of 28 couples at fertility clinics and bed and breakfasts in the Czech Republic in 2010 and 2011. In 2012, she met with 19 couples in different towns and cities throughout North America to conduct follow up life histories.

“Fertility Holidays: IVF Tourism and the Reproduction of Whiteness” is available at Amazon.com and via other websites. - See more at: http://www.uta.edu/news/releases/2015/12/Speier-Fertility-Holidays.php#sthash.EJG7q89A.dpuf  

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Ritu Khanduri, Associate Professor of Anthropology

*The Politics of Laughter*

Fifteeneightyfour, the Cambridge University Press blog, reported that a post by UTA cultural anthropologist Ritu Khanduri, which tackled the complex global history and tension between cartoon and politics, was the number two most read blog post of 2015. [http://www.cambridgeblog.org/2016/01/top-10-most-read-fifteeneightyfour-blog-posts-of-2015/](http://www.cambridgeblog.org/2016/01/top-10-most-read-fifteeneightyfour-blog-posts-of-2015/)

Naomi Cleghorn, Associate Professor of Anthropology

Dr. Naomi Cleghorn was awarded tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Anthropology. She also received a college of Liberal Arts Dean’s Accolade Endowment Mentoring Award for her work with Anthropology student Valerie Contreras.

Dr. Jason Shelton, Associate Professor of Sociology

Dr. Jason Shelton was a recipient of a COLA mentoring award for his work with several graduate students including Curtis Brown and Dante Bryant. They attended 2 conferences, The Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association held in Seattle, WA and the Southern Conference on African American Studies held in Charleston, SC. Two peer reviewed papers were published.
David Arditi, Sociology
Since January 2016, Dr. David Arditi has been developing an online music archive of music from Dallas-Fort Worth. This digital archive, MusicDetour, is designed to store and make available music that may otherwise be lost. Music is an important cultural object that is written, recorded and often forgotten on the local level. MusicDetour makes that music publicly accessible forever. As the site grows, Dr. Arditi hopes the website will develop community for local musicians and fans. Dr. Arditi hopes this will allow students to be involved in research in two ways. First, students will be able to follow how a local music scene develops collective bonds. Second, students will be able to get out and participate in the project by collecting music, speaking with bands, and writing about music that they observe. This project also aligns with a research project that Dr. Arditi is working on that he is calling “the ideology of getting signed.” He uses the opportunity to speak with musicians about MusicDetour to do ethnographic research that focuses on how musicians view recording contracts.

Krystal Beamon, Sociology
Krystal Beamon received her Bachelors, Masters, and Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University. She joined UTA in the fall of 2008 after a three year tenure-track position at The University of Oklahoma. She was awarded tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor in Sociology in 2015 from the University of Texas Arlington. Her primary areas of scholarship are Race and Ethnicity, Sociology of Sport, and Inequality. Dr. Beamon delivered the keynote address at the National Black Student Athlete Summit in Austin, as well as at the Race and Sport Conference at Temple University. Her book The Enduring Color Line in U.S. Athletics is among the top 10 best sellers in that genre. She is a recipient of the prestigious Regents Outstanding Teaching Award. Dr. Beamon is teaching Racial and Ethnic Groups in the U.S. and Inequalities in Public Education this fall.

Kelly Bergstrand, Sociology
Dr. Kelly Bergstrand continues her research into what traits of social and environmental causes make people more (or less) willing to care about the issue or take action for social movement campaigns. This August, she presented on her research, “Transformative Environmental Threats: Behavioral and Attitudinal Change Five Years after the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill,” at the annual American Sociological Association meeting in Seattle. She was also a coauthor on two articles published this year. The first is with Kraig Beyerlein at the University of Notre Dame and evaluates how characteristics of both recruiters and recruits shape recruitment into three forms of civic engagement. It finds there are important differences in how social connections affect requests to get involved in the civic activities of donating blood, volunteering time, and political activism. The second article is collaboration with Christopher Robertson, a professor of law at the University of Arizona, that investigates potential jurors’ perceptions of political corruption and whether certain types of campaign contributions can be legally construed as bribes. This research finds that when presented with otherwise legal, routine donor-candidate relationships, common in U.S. politics, substantial majorities convict politicians and donors of bribery. Dr. Bergstrand teaches courses on environmental sociology, social statistics, and research methods.

Naomi Cleghorn, Anthropology
This summer, Dr. Cleghorn continued archaeological excavations at Knysna, on the southern coast of South Africa, where she is studying the impact of sea level change on early coastal foragers. This year marks the project’s second full field season and, with 20 participating team members, was the most productive expedition thus far. The team included four current UTA anthropology undergraduates (Frances Appiah-Ntim, Valerie Contreras, Patricia Corinne Crews, and Megan Martin), two alumni of the same program (Daniel Peart, B.A. 2013 - now a Ph.D. student at Ohio State Univ., and Hannah Keller, B.A. 2014), and other students from Rutgers Univ., Ohio State Univ., Univ. of California Berkeley, and Univ. of Queensland, Australia. The project is supported by grants from the L.S.B. Leakey Foundation, the John Templeton Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and private donors.

Heather Jacobson, Sociology
Heather Jacobson’s book Labor of Love: Gestational Surrogacy and the Work of Making Babies was released by Rutgers University Press in 2018. The book addresses what Heather describes as an “enduring paradox” in contemporary reproductive practices: On the one hand, the rise of assisted reproductive technologies has created a demand for donated oocytes and embryos, while on the other hand, the shortage of donors has led to a market for gestational surrogacy. In this context, Jacobson looks to learn what happens in the process and the ethics involved.

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University Press in the spring of 2016. She appeared on the National Public Radio program *THINK* on April 4, 2016 for an hour long discussion of the book. She also published “Anonymity in Third Party Reproduction: an Old Dilemma in New Packaging?” in the *Journal of Law and Biosciences*. She co-organized a mini-conference on reproduction at the Eastern Sociological Society meeting in Boston at which she presented a paper titled, “Surrogates at the Crossroads: Intensive Pregnancy (for Others) in the Age of Intensive Mothering.” She also organized a panel at the American Sociological Association meeting in Seattle on Reproduction/Parenthood and Families. She was a featured speaker and moderator at the Men Having Babies South, Surrogacy and Gay Parenting Conference in Dallas in June at which she delivered a talk titled, “Laboring to Conceive: The Organization and Experience of Gestational Surrogacy Work in the United States.” She received a Research Enhancement Program Grant for her next book project, which focuses on the social consequences of the freezing and storing of human embryos. She is Director of Graduate Studies for the MA in Sociology program. She teaches courses on race and family, reproduction, theory, and qualitative research methods.

**Ritu Khanduri, Anthropology**

Dr. Ritu Gairola Khanduri researches on media, material culture and science in the context of India and the Indian diaspora. She is the author of *Caricaturing Culture in India: Cartoons and History in the Modern World* published by Cambridge University Press. As part of her public engagement, this past year she contributed two essays to the blog *Fifteeneightyfour* and one to the *Diplomat*. She was interviewed about censorship and political cartoons in the *American Bazaar* and *Le Monde*. She is pursuing two projects on Gandhi and developing new research on India's visual culture. This summer she presented her research with her students at two seminars in New Delhi, India, and also gave talks on gender and media and cultural anthropology at a conference in New Delhi, India. She serves as an elected member of the AAA's Committee on World Anthropologies. Dr. Khanduri enjoys seeing her students' course work presented in seminars and appearing in publications. She is passionate about teaching South Asia, India, Gandhi, visual culture and more broadly, public engagement with cultural anthropology. She enjoys running, twitter, vegetarian cuisine, cooking for family and friends, music and films.

**Robert Kunovich, Sociology**

Dr. Kunovich conducts research in the areas of race, ethnicity, and nation; political sociology; and the sociology of risk. He is currently working on several research projects. One of these utilizes data from the Houston Area Survey to examine perceived racial group size. The purpose of this paper is to better understand why most people dramatically misestimate the size of racial and ethnic groups in their community. Dr. Kunovich is also working on a new project in the area of sociology of risk. He is particularly interested in prepping and survivalism and enjoyed a tour of an earthship community near Taos, New Mexico this past summer. Professor Kunovich is currently teaching Social Statistics at the graduate level. He will be teaching Introduction to Social Research at the undergraduate level in the spring. When he is not working, Professor Kunovich enjoys watching The Walking Dead and other zombie-related TV shows and movies, playing music, and kayak fishing. He plays guitar, harmonica, double bass, and is trying to keep up with his kids on piano. He enjoys fishing at Lake Lewisville and Lake Tawakoni.

**Ashley Lemke, Anthropology**

Dr. Lemke conducts underwater archaeological research in the Great Lakes. This research investigates 9,000 year old caribou hunting sites that are found 120 feet below Lake Huron. Her research involves scuba diving as well as remote operated underwater vehicles. This project discovers how prehistoric people responded to environmental change and rising water levels. She will be presenting at two major conferences this year, the Society for Historical Archaeology meeting in Fort Worth, and the Society for American Archaeology meeting in Vancouver. She will also be teaching anArchaeological Field school in Texas this summer providing undergraduate students from UTA with valuable experience  .

**Isabel Montemayor, Anthropology**

Dr. Isabel Montemayor continues her work on the
transnational health seeking strategies of undocumented Mexican immigrants and their families living in Michoacan and Michigan. In fall of 2015 she presented a paper at the American Anthropological Association meeting and in spring 2016 she organized a panel and presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology. She currently has two articles in preparation and two under review. In April of 2016 Dr. Montemayor was able to take six UTA anthropology majors from her Latino Health Issues class to present at “La Academia de Pueblo” Latino and Latin American Studies Conference at Wayne State University. This spring she will be teaching a new topics course called Border Culture and Cartels.

Karl Petruso, Anthropology
Karl Petruso resigned the deanship of the Honors College on August 30 after eight years in that role. He is on leave for academic year 2016-17 and will be working on several projects for publication. In May 2016 he delivered a paper at the annual meeting of the Mediterranean Studies Association in Palermo, Sicily about the defense of Egypt in Roman Imperial times. In June he attended the 5th International Conference on nanotechnology, sponsored by UTA’s College of Engineering, and gave participants a tour of archaeological sites in the Argolid peninsula of southern Greece. He has four invited entries in press in the Encyclopedia of the Sea in World History (to be published by ABC-CLIO) and another in press in the SAS Encyclopedia of Archaeological Sciences (to be published by Wiley). In summer 2017 he will co-direct the Honors College’s summer study abroad program in Scotland and will teach a course on the archaeology and early history of northern Britain from the Stone Age to the Vikings. SOCI/ANTH majors (Honors or non) are invited to participate; application forms will be posted to the Honors website later this fall.

Linda Rouse, Sociology
Dr. Linda Rouse taught Social Statistics and Social Research core courses, as well as Self & Social Identities and a graduate seminar in the Social Psychology area. She revised the Marital and Sexual Lifestyles online course and is now teaching a section on campus. As a social psychologist her research has addressed diverse aspects of the individual in social context, with a current focus on women physicians. Her article “Understanding How Women Physicians View Gender and the Workplace: Using Field Observation, Informal Interviews and Organizational Websites” was published in SAGE Research Methods Cases. She is the lead author of “Workplace Bullying among Family Physicians: A Gender Focused Study,” based on a survey of 1600 physicians and recently published in the Journal of Women’s Health. Dr. Rouse is also co-author of a manuscript on “Women Physicians: Gender and the Medical Workplace,” a medical literature review currently submitted to Social Science and Medicine. She regularly presents papers at ASA meetings and attends the American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA) annual meetings, most recently in Miami. She continues to serve as a research consultant on AMWA’s Gender Equity Task Force and as an invited manuscript reviewer for professional journals. All, it must be admitted, while dreaming of another “Paris by pastry” tour.

Josephine Ryan Anthropology
Dr. Josephine Ryan is a cultural anthropologist with interests including food and culture, gender and sexuality, human rights, public health, and medical anthropology. This fall she is teaching Global Cultures and Sex, Gender, and Culture. She served as the Graduate Advisor for the Anthropology Program from 2009-2015. She is active in the refugee resettlement community and works with non-profit organizations that assist newcomers in attaining living wage employment.

Beth Anne Shelton, Sociology
Beth Anne Shelton earned her Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin. After spending a decade in universities in Ohio and New York, she moved back to Texas and began working at the University of Texas at Arlington. She studies gendered patterns of time use in the home, in the paid labor force and in volunteer work. Most of her research addresses the relationship between work and family, focusing on how the inner workings of the home impact individuals’ labor force activities as well as how the constraints of work impact families, including children, mothers and fathers. Her most recent paper is titled “Motherhood and Public Service, an Exploration of School Board Trustees” where she and her coauthor (Rebecca Deen, Political Science) explore the role of motherhood as a conduit for women to become civically engaged. She teaches courses on family, work and the intersection of the two. For leisure she plays tennis and runs, although very slowly.

Jason Shelton, Sociology
Jason E. Shelton’s primary research interests concern the Sociology of Religion, as well as the intersections of race, class, and political/social attitudes in the Post-Civil Rights Era. His articles have appeared in Social Science Quarterly, Du Bois Review, Sociological Perspectives, Journal of African American Studies, American Behavioral Scientist and other
Shelley Smith, Anthropology

Professor Smith serves as the Anthropology Program Director and the department’s Associate Chair. Inspired by her mentorship of former graduate student Erin Nichols’ internship project at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science and by her reading of a book by two historians (*Life on Display*, by Rader and Cain), she began developing a new research project on museum displays of human evolution last spring. This summer, in addition to visits to local museums, she traveled to Washington, D.C. (NMNH), New York (AMNH), San Diego (Museum of Man) and Chicago (Field Museum). She plans to visit additional Texas museums in December/January and additional U.S. museums during the summer of 2017 in connection with this project. Dr. Smith is currently teaching Biological Anthropology and Human Adaptation and the Concept of Race; she is scheduled to teach Biological Anthropology and Growth, Development, and Evolution in spring 2017.

Amy Speier, Anthropology

Dr. Amy Speier is a medical anthropologist specializing in medical anthropology, with a focus on reproductive health, globalization and medical tourism. Her new book, *Fertility Holidays: IVF Tourism and the Reproduction of Whiteness*, was just released August 2016. This book traces North American fertility journeys to the Czech Republic, examining the multiple motivations that compel them to travel halfway across the globe in their quest for parenthood. Over the past year, Dr. Speier has been conducting preliminary fieldwork that is examining which international intended parents are traveling to North America for fertility care. This type of fertility travel is much more complex and varied, given the vastly unregulated “baby business” in the United States. Dr. Speier is currently teaching Food and Culture, Global Cultures, and Medical Anthropology as Service Learning. She looks forward to teaching Research Methods and Anthropology of Tourism in the spring.

Robert Young, Sociology

Professor Young teaches courses on Individual and Society, Deviance, Research Methods and Small Groups. His scholarly interests lie within the domains of symbolic interactionism, cognitive sociology processes, the sociology of language and discourse and attitude structures, the role of emotions in human action, the nature of human-animal relationships and nonhuman animal mind. During the past year, his ethnographic research on animal rescue groups focused on the ways in which groups interactively construct difficult decisions about matters of moral consequence. In April, he presented “Emotion Work in Feral Cat Rescue and Caretaking” at the annual meetings of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. His co-authored journal article “Morality as a Discursive Accomplishment among Animal Rescue Workers” has been accepted for publication in the journal *Deviant Behavior*.

Christian Zlolniski, Associate Professor of Anthropology & Director, Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS)

Christian Zlolniski is a social anthropologist whose research interests focus on work, labor, and transnational migration of workers in the U.S. and Mexico. Currently he is working on an ethnographic monograph on the labor regime in Mexico’s export agriculture and its impact on the working lives of farmworkers who grow fresh-crops for consumer markets in the United States. Reflecting his research interests, he teaches courses in anthropology and Mexican American studies on globalization, international migration, and Latino Studies. As CMAS’ director he seeks to foster awareness about Mexican American and other Latino populations in the United States, promoting interdisciplinary dialogue among faculty across different academic departments conducting research on Latino issues, and engaging into community outreach initiatives to serve the needs of the local Latino population. He is married to Reina with whom they have two children—Pablo and Natalia. As of late he is teaching them his favorite childhood game: foosball.
**STUDY ABROAD Summer 2016**

**Knysna, South Africa**

Associate Professor of Anthropology, Dr. Naomi Cleghorn, led a team of students to Knysna, South Africa. Funding was through a grant from the L.S.B. Leakey Foundation. The team of students and researchers who were from UTA were Frances Appiah-Ntifor, Valerie Contreras, Patricia (Corinne) Crews, Megan Martin and two alumni, Hannah Keller and Daniel Peart.

Contreras’ helmet pack

Overview of Knysna

Rainbow from cave

Daniel Peart demonstrates floatation

Hannah Keller & Appiah with crew

Ropes on site

**New Delhi, India**

Associate Professor of Anthropology, Dr. Ritu Khanduri, along with two Anthropology students, Fatima Ayan Hirsi and Katelin Smith, attended a Gandhi conference in New Delhi, India. Papers were presented by Fatima, “Living Gandhi” and Katelin, “Gandhi: Body and Mind Unto Soul.”

parantha dishes for fatima & Katelin

Safdarjung’s Tomb

Auto to the National Gandhi Museum

Fatima presenting her paper

The majestic Qutub Minar

Katelin presenting her paper
The Annual Department of Sociology and Anthropology Awards Ceremony was held May 4, 2016. The guest speaker was Karla Arenas-Itotia. Karla received her higher education from UT Arlington. She received a BA in Sociology, Summa Cum Laude in 2010, a Master of Arts in Sociology in 2013 and a Master of Science in Social Work in 2013. Ms. Arenas-Itotia is employed with UT Arlington as Assistant Director, Violence Prevention and Student Intervention.

Graduating Anthropology Seniors were Brandon Butler, Valerie Contreras, Zacary Cotton, Jose Garcia, Fatima-Ayan Malika Hirsi, Evan Johnson, Ivy Lopez, Alexandra Perez, Amna Saleemi, Chelsea Sims, Jessica Ussin, and Sara Watson.

Graduating Sociology Seniors were Ada Aguilar, Jenny Dobson, Diana Garcia, Jesus Gonzalez, KeAmber Green, Brianna Hamilton, Kasie Harper, Eric Lemus, Joel Sanchez, Meagan Sanders, Alexandria Trevino, and Heather Wolf.

Graduating Sociology Master’s Students were Chad Austin, La Tonya Davison, Anthony Johnson, Jamaica Kennedy, Melody Hope May, Jacob Wilbur, and Kelsey Willson.

The Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology went to Jeremy Dubhros and Jennifer Wellman.

2016 ACES Presenters were Rebecca Clesse (Poster Presentation) and Sara Watson (Oral Presentation).

COLA Scholars were H. Scott Clemens (Sociology), Kasie Harper (Sociology), Fatima-Ayan Malika Hirsi (Anthropology), Meagan Sanders (Sociology), and Sara Watson (Anthropology).

Dean’s Graduate Research Travel Award went to H. Scott Clemens (Sociology).

Liberal Arts Endowed Scholarship went to James Ramsey (Anthropology).

Anthropology Honor Roll Recipients who maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher within the major and 3.0 overall were Anthony Baczkiewicz, Matthew Burns, Stephanie Dinh, Stephanie Dolenz, Tracy Kwan, Meghan Lowrey, Jennifer Rodgers and Phyllicia Way.

Sociology Honor Roll Recipients who maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher within the major and 3.0 overall were Anna Aldrich, Cassy Barnard, Claudia Ferrer, Hector Flores, Garrett Fox, Jesse Poston, Nichole Sorrels, Angela Tipton and Lethe Witt.

Anthropology Scholars who maintained a GPA of 3.5 and completed more than 12 hours of coursework within the major were Kim-Thao Do, Kaitlin Fischer, Meredith Kelland, Adam Krajewski, Ivy Lopez, Megan Martin, Alexandra Perez, Lillian Pena, Noemi Rodriguez, Gloria Shibley, Alondra Smith, Katelin Smith and Sara Watson.

Sociology Scholars who maintained a GPA of 3.5 and completed more than 12 hours of coursework within the major were Noah Ambs, Anne Base, Danielle Depaul, KeAmber Green, Kasie Harper, Laura Maddock, James Reinoehl, Claudette Robles, Allison Rodriguez, Meagan Sanders and Hannah Searcy.
Lambda Alpha Inductees were Myriah Allen, Kaitlin Fischer, Meghan Lowrey, Megan Martin and Gloria Shibley.

Alpha Kappa Delta Inductees were Anne base, Cassy Barnard, Jaclyn Fries, Diana Garcia, KeAmber Green and Jesse Kartes.

Suzanne & Paul Baldon and Linda Gregg & Matthew Craig Award in Anthropology went to Fatima-Ayan Malika Hirsi and Sara Watson.

Howard “Scott” Clemens has been offered a Dean’s Research Award to supplement his research focusing on a community garden’s impact to the well-being of the area, specifically Deep Ellum area of Dallas. This award is based on the solid level of support received from his departmental faculty mentors. His support will be from the Dean's Office which will defray the costs associated with studio and supplies that are not normally available. This award provides seed money to graduate students for pilot research, applications for funding, software purchase (that are not readily available to students), archival work and travel, or other research-related costs. The money is intended to support work preliminary to a thesis, portfolio or dissertation.

Sociology Graduates Final Theses

CHAD AUSTIN
Committee Chair: Dr. Heather Jacobson
The Man in the Mirror. Fall 2015

LA TONYA DAVISON
Committee Chair: Dr. Heather Jacobson
The Role of Sociology in the Pursuit of Black Empowerment and Liberation in America: The Case for Public Sociology. Fall 2015

ANTHONY JOHNSON
Committee Chair: Dr. Heather Jacobson
The Real Madness of Reefer: Why Marijuana Should be Legalized Using the Medical Benefits, Economic Implications; As Well As Using the Repeal of Alcohol Prohibition in 1933 and the “Pragmatic Tolerance” of Marijuana in International Countries as Comparative Analysis. Fall 2015

JAMAICA KENNEDY
Committee Chair: Dr. Robert Young
Presidential Speech and the Framing of Poverty from the War on Poverty to the War on the Poor. Fall 2015

MELODY HOPE MAY
Committee Chair: Dr. Beth Anne Shelton
Stereotypes and Competence at Work: The Role of Physical Attractiveness. Fall 2015

JACOB WILBUR
Committee Chair: Dr. Robert Kunovich
We Are Trying To Haunt You To Death: The Study of Haunt Owners and the Sociology of Risk. Fall 2015

KELLEY WILLSON
Committee Chair: Dr. Heather Jacobson
Interracial Relationships. Fall 2015

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A pie in your face!
Did you ever want to throw a pie in your professor’s face? Not a good idea but good sports, Department Chair Dr. Robert Kunovich, Associate Professor of Anthropology Dr. Naomi Cleghorn, along with Assistant Dean of Liberal Arts Dr. Eric Bolsterli, got “pied” on the COLA Fall 2016 Welcome Back to Campus Week. The taste of whip cream lingered on their lips for weeks!
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Anthro Club

The Anthropology Club kicked off with a great start this year with a new set of officers: Jeremy Dubhros, President, Megan Martin, Vice-President, Meghan Lowrey, Treasurer, Corinne (Patricia) Crews, Secretary, and Frances Appiah-Ntifor, Omnigrapher. Dr. Amy Speier is Faculty Advisor. Our plans include museum visits, distinguished brown bag lecturers, exciting events like flint knapping, and helping with the annual goat roast hosted by Dr. Naomi Cleghorn. We are looking forward to continuing with social events like our cultural lunches at local venues. We seek to promote increased awareness of local and national events in anthropology while encouraging fun activities for our student body. For more information on the Anthro Club you may go to http://mavorgs.collegiatelink.net/organization/anthropologyclub.

Lambda Alpha (The Anthropological Honor Society Alpha Chapter of Texas)

Lambda Alpha is a dynamic national collegiate organization which nurtures and rewards undergraduate and graduate students’ excellence in Anthropology. This year in addition to assisting with the Termini Lecture and Brown Bag series, we will be focusing on developing professional and scholarly skills such as networking and research. We will be attending conferences and lectures throughout the year. This year will also see the introduction of social hours, events designed to give members an opportunity to discuss anthropological topics and career paths. 2016-17 Lambda Alpha Officers are Jeremy Dubhros, President, Eric Lamb, Vice-President, Meghan Lowrey, Treasurer, Megan Martin, Secretary, and Dr. Isabel Montemayor, Faculty Advisor.

Sociology Student Association (SSA)

The Sociology Student Association (SSA) is an officially recognized, student-led organization at the University of Texas Arlington. The purpose of SSA is to demonstrate the practical and theoretical aspects of Sociology in ways beneficial to its undergraduate and graduate students and the surrounding Arlington community. Membership is not limited to sociology majors. SSA activities include career development events, educational activities, community involvement, and social events. Each semester’s activities are determined by the student members. SSA officers are Meagan Ladd, President, Jesse Poston, Vice-President, Kaylee MacLean, Secretary, Erin Taylor, Treasurer, and Orion Milton, Historian. Faculty advisors are Dr. Kelly Bergstrand and Dr. Jason Shelton.

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)

The Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Sociological Honor Society Omicron Chapter of Texas welcomed new sociology scholars from UTA to its ranks during the 2015-2016 year. Dr. Jason Shelton and Dr. Krystal Beamon, Faculty Advisors and Chapter Representatives for AKD, inducted new initiates at last year’s ceremony co-sponsored with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Lambda Alpha. The ceremony also honored UTA’s own Sociology Scholars and Sociology Honor Roll students with a reception and banquet afterward. AKD also assists with funding for students interested in attending or presenting at professional conventions. To stay informed of the latest national AKD news, join the Facebook group: Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society, and for more information on the Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society of Sociology you can go to: http://alphakappadeltainternational.com.

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Finals week: Super Hero Station

This event is hosted by the Department of Sociology & Anthropology during Finals Week each semester and is quite a success. More than 60 students stopped by the office this Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 to replenish their super powers with Scantrons, pencils, drinks and snacks. They were able to relax in a designated quiet place to study or take a power nap!
WE RECOGNIZE FOUR STUDENT SCHOLARS

Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams
Endowed Scholarship in Sociology

The Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology was presented at the department’s Celebration of Achievement Ceremony in the spring of 2016 to Jeremy Dubhros and Jennifer Wellman.

The Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology was established by their son, Blaine Williams and his wife, Elaine Davenport. Blaine T. Williams, Sr. and his wife, Jean Wood Williams were pioneers in the Dallas-Fort Worth Sociology and Social Work community. The scholarship is awarded annually to a junior or senior majoring in Sociology at the University of Texas Arlington.

Paul and Suzanne Baldon & Matthew Craig and Linda Gregg
Award in Anthropology

Fatima Hirsi and Sara Watson each received a $200 gift from Suzanne and Paul Baldon and Matthew Craig and Linda Gregg to be used toward the purchase of textbooks.

Fatima Hirsi is an Anthropology major and member of Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honor Society which recognizes and honors superior achievement in Anthropology among students. Fatima attended a Gandhi conference in India the summer of 2016 with Dr. Ritu Khanduri. Fatima works tirelessly to share poetry throughout North Texas. And on weekends, she takes her poetry to the streets, typing original pieces for suggested donations.

Sara Watson is an Anthropology major and a 2015 McNair Scholar. Sara’s research was in South Africa under the guidance and mentorship of Associate Professor of Anthropology, Dr. Naomi Cleghorn. Her research paper was “Comparative Analysis of MSA to LSA Transitional Technologies in the Cape Floral Region, South Africa.” She is pursuing a Ph.D. in Archaeology at the University of California, Davis.
The Ben and Trudy Termini Distinguished Anthropologist Lecture for 2016 welcomed Dr. Douglas Owsley, Division Head for Physical Anthropology at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Owsley is considered one of the foremost forensic anthropologists at work today. In addition to forensic case work, he is conducting extensive research on historic and prehistoric populations from North America. These include the remains of 17th-century colonists, Civil War soldiers (such as the crew of the H.L. Hunley), and ancient Americans. Highlights of his work on Jamestown Island were featured in an exhibition at the National Museum of Natural History, entitled *Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake* (2009-2014).

Dr. Owsley was also instrumental in advocating for the right of scientists to analyze the nearly 9,000-year-old Kennewick Man skeleton discovered along the Columbia River in Washington State. Owsley is the co-editor of *Kennewick Man: The Scientific Investigation of an ancient American Skeleton* (2014, Texas A&M University Press), a volume that presents in great detail what has been learned from this discovery.

Dr. Owsley received his B.S. degree in Zoology from the University of Wyoming and his Ph.D. in Physical Anthropology from the University of Tennessee.

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